

**House File 2450 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE 2450  
BY COMMITTEE ON REBUILD IOWA  
AND DISASTER RECOVERY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2173)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to purchasing preferences for disaster recovery  
2 products.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8A.311, subsection 12, Code 2009, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 12. a. The state and its political subdivisions shall give  
4 preference to purchasing Iowa products and purchasing from  
5 Iowa-based businesses if the bids submitted are comparable in  
6 price to those submitted by other bidders and meet the required  
7 specifications.

8 b. For disaster recovery products in an area that the  
9 governor has proclaimed a disaster emergency or the president  
10 of the United States has declared a major disaster, unless  
11 otherwise prohibited by federal law, preference may be given to  
12 Iowa products and Iowa-based businesses even if bids submitted  
13 for out-of-state products and by out-of-state businesses are  
14 lower in price and meet the required specifications provided  
15 the following criteria are met for procurement through  
16 competitive bidding or requests for proposals:

17 (1) For bids and proposals of twenty-five thousand  
18 dollars or less, the Iowa bid or proposal does not exceed the  
19 acceptable low bid or acceptable low proposal by more than ten  
20 percent.

21 (2) For bids and proposals of more than twenty-five thousand  
22 dollars and less than two hundred thousand dollars, the Iowa  
23 bid or proposal does not exceed the acceptable low bid or  
24 acceptable low proposal by more than five percent.

25 (3) For bids and proposals of two hundred thousand  
26 dollars or more, the Iowa bid or proposal does not exceed the  
27 acceptable low bid or acceptable low proposal by more than one  
28 percent.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill relates to purchasing preferences for disaster  
31 recovery related products.

32 Currently, the state and its political subdivisions must  
33 give preference to purchasing Iowa products and purchasing from  
34 Iowa-based businesses if the bids submitted are comparable  
35 in price to those submitted by other bidders and meet the

1 required specifications. The bill allows the state and its  
2 political subdivisions, unless otherwise prohibited by federal  
3 law, to give preference to Iowa products and Iowa-based  
4 businesses even if bids submitted for out-of-state products  
5 and by out-of-state businesses are lower in price and meet the  
6 required specifications when the products are necessary in a  
7 disaster recovery in an area that the governor has proclaimed a  
8 disaster emergency or the president of the United States has  
9 declared a major disaster. The bill limits the amount by which  
10 such bids or proposals may exceed an acceptable low bid or  
11 proposal based on the dollar amount of the bid or proposal.